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Applicants respectfully bring to the Examiner's attention that the reference listed on the enclosed Form SB08 was cited in a Supplementary European Search Report. A copy of the Search Report, mailed January 20, 2010, is attached herewith. Applicants advise that reference WO 01/13794 cited in the Search Report was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated January 2, 2009. References US 6,045,567, US 6,210,421, JP 2003-265447, which corresponds to EP 1 336 675, and JP 6-7329, which corresponds to EP 0 569 124, were disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 21, 2005.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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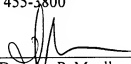
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